GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT POLICY OF PADDY AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the actual procurement policy of the Government in the present season especially for paddy and wheat;

(b) whether exclusive Government procurement can be ensured throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): Under the present policy, Government procures all the foodgrains conforming to Fair Average Quality (FAQ) specifications through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and StateGovernment agencies under price support operations. However, the farmers have the option to sell their produce to FCI/State Government at support prices or in the open market, as is advantageous to them.

(b)&(c): Do not arise in view of above.